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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE **COLLABORATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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Welcome (back) for the start of another exciting school year!

We're so glad to see all of your faces again and look forward to seeing what new endeavors you will pursue this year. While you were gone, our staff continued to work on projects that will make your service more efficient, enjoyable and impactful for everyone involved. We have integrated many of our opportunities into Summit for easy accessibility, updated our website with a new calendar and student group and partner information. See the CCE webpage's "For Student" section for more information!

Check out the rest of this issue for updates on CC Votes, a new Community Engaged Scholars Program, Mobile Meals, Public Achievement and more!



In August, some of our incoming Bridge Scholars volunteered at the local Ronald McDonald house for a few hours!

## Mobile Meals Seeking Interns!

Mobile Meals is hiring three interns for the 2016-2017 school year. We will be hiring a Culinary Educator & Head Chef, Program Coordinator, and Program Assistant. For complete details, please see the job descriptions on the Student Employment Website. The application process includes completing an online application and submitting a cover letter and resume'. Applications must be submitted by Sunday, September 11th at 11:59pm.



Mobile Meals believes that food can empower, educate, and improve the health of individuals and communities. Sharing a meal with others can provide a platform for engaging in community and building relationships. The Mobile Meals approach to community-engaged programming focuses on establishing internships with community organizations to co-create and develop “Community Meal” Programs to:

- Build on the legacy of the soup kitchen to continue addressing a lack of access to healthy and/or local food prevalent in Communities around Colorado Springs. Mobile Meals will be engaging with community partners and their needs surrounding healthy food, food education, and culinary training.
- Support deeper forms of engagement between CC students and community partners. While many volunteer opportunities exist, Mobile Meals provides an internship structure that supports higher commitments to and responsibilities within community organizations. By engaging in Mobile Meals, both as volunteers and interns, students will learn to co-create programs with local communities that are based on community needs. They will learn the tools necessary for successful collaboration and curriculum-development, as well as the skills to forge deep partnerships with local organizations. In addition, community organizations will benefit from working with Mobile Meals by gaining resources to develop curricula/programming relevant to their needs.

## Introducing the new Community Engaged Scholars Program

The CCE is happy to announce that we are starting a new program this year – the Community Engaged Scholars Program! The mission of this program is to develop and support commitment to and capacity for sustained, informed, and deliberate community engagement. By enrolling in the program, students commit to: (1) consistently engage in community work throughout their undergraduate careers, and (2) take an effort to learn from, and apply learning to, those experiences. Throughout the program, students integrate this engaged work into a reflective portfolio that helps them to articulate their personal story of engagement and illustrate their commitment to bridging practice and theory in the service of a public good.

### Program Component Overview

To graduate as a Community Engaged Scholar, students engage in (and document) the following over the course of their time at Colorado College:

- An orientation session
- 300 hours of community engagement (around 10 hours each block)
- 8 approved co-curricular learning opportunities
- 4 approved skills trainings
- Ongoing reflection on through documenting activities in an Engaged Portfolio
- A senior reflection retreat

### Why Join?

This program will recognize and celebrate work you're already doing, help prepare you for future careers and build a portfolio, challenge you to deepen your understanding of engagement, and develop your capacity to contribute to the community.

### Interested?

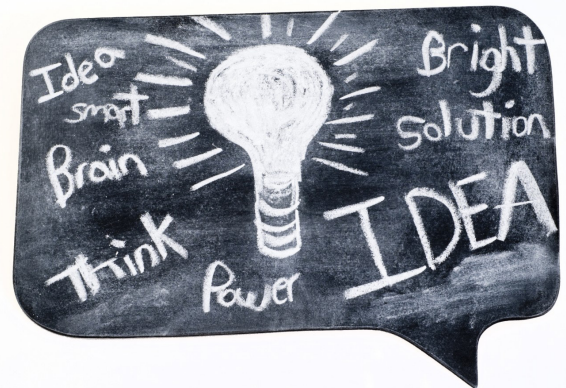
For more information or to APPLY, visit the CCE website or email [jordan.radke@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:jordan.radke@coloradocollege.edu).

### Info Sessions:

- Sept. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m., WES Room
- Sept. 15, 12:15-1:15 p.m., WES Room (catered)

### Orientation:

- Sept. 27, 12:15-2:30 p.m., McHugh Commons (catered)



# CC Votes!

CC Votes! is focused on highlighting and organizing opportunities related to electoral engagement. Throughout the 2016 election season, CC Votes! will be hosting and promoting events and coordinating voter registration and voter engagement efforts on campus. During NSO weekend, over 300 Colorado College students registered to vote!

Are YOU registered to vote in Colorado for this year's presidential election? To check your voter registration status: [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com). Voters with a Colorado license or identification card may register to vote or update their voter registration online: [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

Voters without Colorado IDs need to register to vote with a voter registration drive, at a voter service center, or by mail. A list of voter service centers will soon be available on [justvotecolorado.org](http://justvotecolorado.org).

CC Votes! will be hosting additional events throughout the semester. To get the latest updates about CC Votes!, be sure to "like" the CCE Facebook Page! Contact the CCE if you'd like to be involved in voter engagement efforts.



## Sondermann Presidential Symposium Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, Sept. 6

*Symposium Panel: Colorado Politics 2016: The Big Races and the Ballot Issues, featuring Eric Sondermann, Vince Bzdek, Bob Loevy, and Tom Cronin*

12:00 p.m., Bemis Great Hall

*David Axelrod, Former Chief Strategist and Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama*

7:00 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre

The W. Lewis and Helen R. Abbott Memorial Lecture

### Friday, Sept. 9

*Gwen Ifill: "Washington Week at CC"*

1:00 p.m., Taping of "PBS Washington Week"

Richard Celeste Theatre

### Tuesday, Sept. 27

*Jamelle Bouie, Chief Political Correspondent for Slate Magazine*

7:00 p.m., Kathryn Mohrman Theatre

# Public Achievement: Youth Civic Engagement Positions Open!

## Program Overview

Public Achievement is a school-based civic engagement program designed to help youth work together to improve their schools and communities. Through the Public Achievement process, empowered youth gain practical experience designing and implementing their own projects to solve public problems that affect their lives on a regular basis. In Public Achievement, CC coaches work closely with a group of K-12 students to guide them through the process during an academic year and work to develop civic skills such as public speaking, relationship building, and critical thinking. This is a fun and rewarding experience for those passionate about education, social change, and enhancing youth voice.

At Colorado College, students have the opportunity to mentor K-12 youth by participating in Public Achievement as a coach or team lead. Coaches and team leads meet weekly with small groups of K-12 students in Colorado Springs to implement a community project of their choice.

The Public Achievement process includes brainstorming issues, research, focusing on a problem, addressing the problem through a social change project, and reflection. Coaches are guides through this process and teach students important civic skills to accomplish their goals. Team Leads facilitate coaches' skill development and provide guidance to coaches throughout the Public Achievement process as well as facilitate the successful operation of the program at their designated school site.

**\*\*NOTES:** Both the coach and team lead positions are open to students who have work-study awards or are interested in volunteering. Due to visa regulations, exchange and international students are eligible to volunteer, but are NOT eligible to be paid as this is off-campus employment.

Applications are due September 8.

## Upcoming Information Sessions:

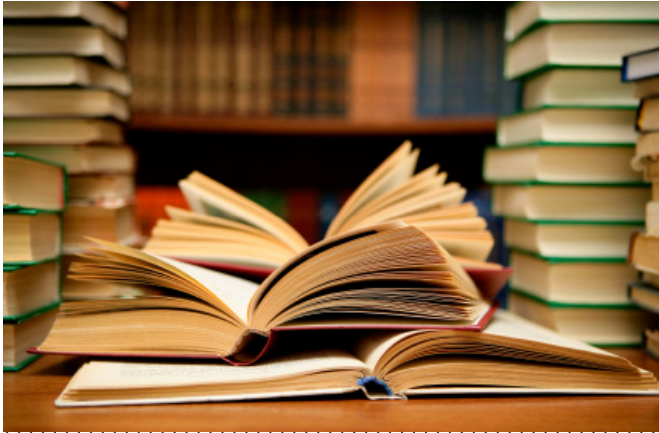
Thursday, Sept 1 @ 2:30-3:00pm WCC 215 OR

Tuesday, Sept 6 @ 2:30-3:00pm WCC 215

Attend for an overview of the Public Achievement program, open positions, and application process. No RSVP or commitment is required to attend.



If you are unable to attend either session, or would like an application, please contact Sarah Marshall [sarah.marshall@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:sarah.marshall@coloradocollege.edu) 719-227-8247.



## CCE Services: Office Library and Camera Usage

The CCE library is now available online! Need a book on activism or advocacy? How about the history and theory of service-learning and community engagement? Want to know more about homelessness, poverty or food insecurity? Looking for information on leadership? Or maybe you have an interest in incarceration in the United States. We can help! Browse our library now at [cce.libib.com](http://cce.libib.com) or stop by our office to find just what you need!

We also have a camera and supplies if you need to take pictures of an event you're hosting! Come to Armstrong 100 for more information.



## Awards Spotlight: CCE 2015-16 Award Recipients

Each year, the CCE presents awards to students, faculty and local partners who have done exceptional service in the community. The following awards were presented in May. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

### *Exceptional Promise in Social Justice Award*

Recipient: Reed Young

### *Exemplary Achievement in Community-Engaged Teaching*

Recipient: Christina Rader

### *Outstanding Community Partner Award*

Recipient: Mary Lynn Sheetz

### *Outstanding Engagement with K-12 Youth*

Recipient: Kiersten Kelly

### *Sustained Commitment Award*

Recipients: Dontené Bonnet, Michael Colwell, Kayla Fratt, Cassie Prouty, Eden VanDevanter and Talia Worth

### *Award for Outstanding Community Service*

Recipient: Shane Lory

### *Anabel and Jerry McHugh Director's Award*

Recipient: Cassie Prouty

### CCE Student Groups

Amnesty International

Aprender Mediante Amistad

Biosciences Outreach Club

Breckenridge Adaptive Ski

CC Farm

CCLIM

Cool Science Club

CPS Tutors

CREATE

Early Scholars Tutoring

Ensená

Family Day Center

GlobeMed

GRITS

Mighty Math

Mobile Meals

North Boys Enrichment Program

Peace Jame

Ponderosa Project

Public Achievement

Scratch Club

Tesla Mentors

Volunteer Action

**COME SEE HUNGER  
IN A WHOLE NEW WAY.**



## OxFam America Hunger Banquet: Thursday, September 8th 6:00-7:30pm in Bemis Hall

Join us for an impactful event that is designed to raise awareness about poverty and hunger, both locally and abroad. Past participants of the OxFam America Hunger Banquet have called the experience “incredibly moving” and “life changing”. This event is hosted by the CCE with support from OxFam America, a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty and hunger and is committed to saving lives, developing long-term solutions to poverty, and campaigns for social justice. The event is free, but seating will be limited.

Please RSVP to Shanna Farmer, [shanna.farmer@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:shanna.farmer@coloradocollege.edu), by Monday, September 5th!



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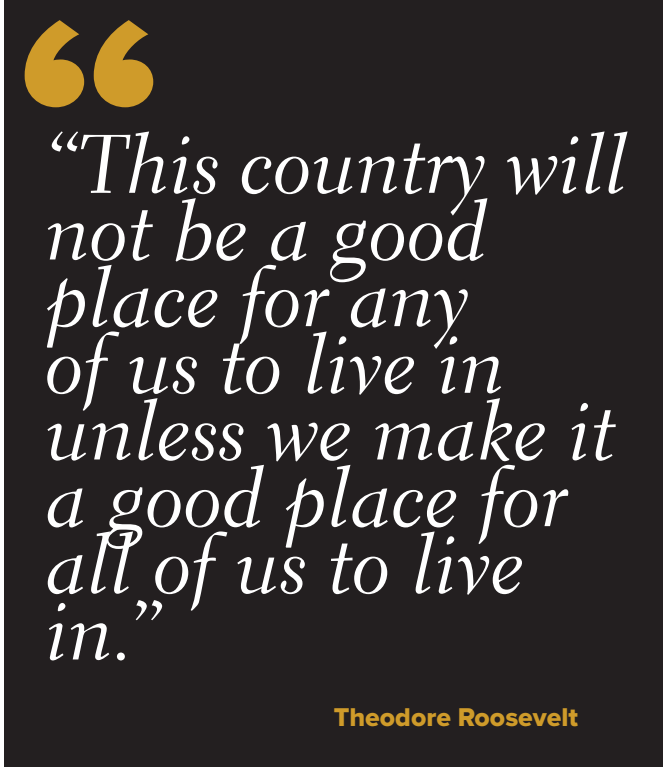
## A Note from the Editor

Thank you for taking the time to look through this year’s first issue! We hope that you enjoyed the content, and look forward to engaging with you in the near future. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us by any of the means listed below.

**Richard Bishop**

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